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I strongly oppose the settlement in its currently form and am of the opinion that the worst is yet to come. The following areas in particular concern me:

- blatant disregard for security
- lack of accountability for faulty software
- inflated prices of office suites, diagramming, project management and other desktop software
- lack of acceptance of existing standards (proprietary kerberos extensions for example)
- creation of new 'standards' (C# programming language, VBscript as a client side scripting language)
- forced upgrades where not required
- subscription model pricing
- passport/.net security issues which are crucial given the sensitive data being held
- passport/.net anticompetitive behaviour
- increasing reliance on centralised microsoft services (passport, support, windowsupdate, etc.)
- instability on the internet (raw packets from XP, viruses, trojans)
- anticompetitive site design (barring access to popular sites like msn.com for non IE users)
- anticompetitive OEM agreements (all workstations bundled with windows without choice)
- interoperability problems (difficult to multiboot, integrate as deeply as IE, etc.)
- xbox and the related anticompetitive behaviour associated with it

I sincerely hope that a more appropriate remedy is found,

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